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To The Commissioner for Patents:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) dated March 28, 2007. The shortened period for response extends to May 28, 2007. The rejections of claims 1-52 were maintained by the BPAI. Consideration of the above-captioned application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.